

# HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Committee Meeting

November 19, 2009 1:00 PM to 2:25 PM

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations / 830 Punchbowl Street / HIOSH Training Room 427

### Members Present:

Robert Aquino (Hawaii Electricians Training Fund), Ruth Amancio, (General Contractors Association), SeaRay Beltran (County of Maui), Lani Bjork (Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel), Lauren Zirbel for Richard Botti (Legislative Information Service of Hawaii), Reynard Burgess (Parsons), Paul Chang (Hawaii Carpenters Union, Local 745), Sharlyn Sato for Patrick Cheng (Airgas Gaspro), Delbert DeRego (ILWU Local 142, Maui Division), Joaquin Diaz (Hawaiian Dredging), Clarence Baijo for Clifford Higa (Safety Systems Hawaii), Charles Kelley (Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.), Paul King (Actus Lend Lease, LLC), Jon Kumashiro (Department of Human Resources Development), James Newberry (American Society of Safety Engineers), Hans Nielsen (University of Hawaii), Joseph O'Donnell (Ironworkers, Local 625), Les Onaka (American Society of Safety Engineers), Jim Peck (American Industrial Hygiene Association), Kurt Hirose for Michael Redman (HEMIC), Daniel Vasilash (General Contractors Association of Hawaii), Alan Hiramatsu for Thomas Vendetta (ISWC Division, C&C), Antoinette Waikiki (Operating Engineers, Local 3), James Zane (McCabe, Hamilton & Renny Co., Ltd.)

### Members Excused:

Lawrence Akina (Hawaii Teamsters, Local 996), Tristan Aldegue (Dick Pacific Construction Co., Ltd.), Chuck Beneke (Covanta), D. Lewis Boucher (Hawaiian Dredging), Joseph Ferrara (Associated Builders and Contractors), Clayton Kamida (Hawaii Employers' Council), Janelle Kanuha-Marshall (Marine Corps Community Service), Timothy Lyons (Hawaii Business League), Gareth Sakakida (Hawaii Transportation Association), Clifford Uwayne (United Public Workers), Richard Vieira (Hawaii Painter's Union), Shelley Wheeling-Park (Kaiser Permanente of Hawaii)

### Presenters:

### DLIR Staff:

Darwin L.D. Ching, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations; Jamesner Dumlao, HIOSH Operations Manager; Jennifer Shishido, Director's Office; Ellen Kondo, Consultation and Training Branch; Conroy Dang, Occupational Safety Branch; Karen Kamihara, Occupational Safety Branch; Deirdre Yamasaki, HIOSH (Recorder)

### Guests (Public):

Derek Uyehara

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Mr. Daniel Vasilash welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the August 20, 2009 minutes.	August 20, 2009 minutes were approved.
Recognition of Service of Chair Daniel Vasilash	Mr. Jamesner Dumlao presented Mr. Vasilash a certificate in recognition for his outstanding leadership and service as chair of the committee.	Mr. Reynard Burgess will become chair.
Selection of Vice Chair	Mr. Joaquin Diaz was nominated.	Mr. Diaz was elected vice chair.

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<b>HIOSH Advisory Committee Membership</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. SeaRay Beltran gave a brief introduction of himself.</li> <li>Mr. Vasilash welcomed Mr. Beltran to the HIOSH Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>Director's Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due to the budget deficit, HIOSH is facing challenging times.</li> </ul>	
<b>HIOSH Operations in Challenging Times</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIOSH had 11 positions in Consultation and Training (C&amp;T) and Administration and Technical Support branches affected by the layoffs.</li> <li>C&amp;T will still have a branch manager and the two most senior health and safety consultants.</li> <li>Compliance positions have remained untouched so HIOSH can fulfill its mission.</li> <li>OSHA's Region IX, spearheaded by Mr. Ken Atha, will seek to work with the States in his region to improve their programs.</li> <li>In December, Mr. Atha will be visiting with HIOSH.</li> <li>During Mr. Atha's visit, HIOSH will seek to arrange an informal meeting with him and interested persons to discuss creative ideas to improve HIOSH.</li> <li>In November, Ms. Jennifer Shishido and Ms. Pamela Martin of Wage Standards Division held two four-hour workshops informing contractors of their responsibilities under Hawaii law when doing American Recovery and Reinvestment Act jobs. Ms. Shishido, who focused on compliance with HIOSH regulations, would like to hold more classes if resources or sponsors could be provided.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report on Accidents, Fatalities and Significant Cases</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since August 2009, there have been three accidents and two fatalities.</li> <li>On August 13, 2009, in Kapaa, a person was trimming trees on a forklift platform. The person sustained injuries when the forklift tipped over and the person was thrown from the platform.</li> <li>On September 3, 2009, on Oahu, a forklift operator rear-ended a metal shelving inside of a warehouse. The fatality is currently under investigation.</li> <li>On September 24, 2009, a maintenance employee sustained injuries while replacing a ballast on a light fixture, was shocked and fell about 10 feet.</li> <li>On October 19, 2009, in Princeville, a tree trimmer sustained injuries when he fell approximately 40 feet.</li> <li>On November 3, 2009, a mechanic, who was working on electrical wiring toward the back end of a forklift, was pinned between the forklift and a truck when the forklift apparently went into reverse.</li> <li>Suggestion was made to send employers a reminder of their roles and responsibilities for forklift operations.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Report on Participation in Yellow Ribbon Job Fair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On September 20, 2009, at the Hawaii Convention Center, HIOSH manned a booth at the Yellow Ribbon Fair.</li> <li>The Department of Defense and General Robert Lee extend their thanks.</li> <li>Mr. Diaz helped Mr. Moses DeMello (HIOSH) and Mr. Dumlao man the booth.</li> </ul>	
<b>Joint Projects Between HIOSH and the HIOSH Advisory Committee</b>		
<b>Governor's Pacific Rim Conference 2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee is currently looking for employer and safety professional nominations. Currently, there a lot of construction companies but the committee will take all nominations. Members were requested to help recruit nominations within their industry.</li> <li>Nomination forms can be found on HIOSH's website or ASSE's website (assehawaii.org) or an email could be sent to Mr. Diaz at <a href="mailto:jdiaz@hdcc.com">jdiaz@hdcc.com</a>.</li> <li>Mr. Jimmy Zane is heading the sponsorship committee. He would appreciate any contributions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>VPP and SHARP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIOSH is working with the federal government to see what creative ways can be done to service the needs of the community.</li> </ul>	
<b>Information From the HIOSH Advisory Committee to HIOSH</b>		
<b>Training Subcommittee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSHA Training Institute (OTI) classes will be held at the Building Industry Association's training center classes.</li> <li>There will be 1-3 classes per month. At least one class will be geared toward small business.</li> <li>The schedule will be emailed to the Chair and Vice Chair and posted on HIOSH's website.</li> <li>In October, Industrial Hygiene and OSHA 500 and 501 classes will be held. HIOSH will post the OTI training dates on their website.</li> </ul>	
<b>Operating Guidelines Subcommittee Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The item allowing the HIOSH Advisory Committee to have a public voice is still undecided.</li> </ul>	
<b>Around-the-Table Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. James Newberry informed that there will be online registration for the Governor's Biennial Pacific Rim conference.</li> <li>Mr. Paul King's construction members are experiencing no smoking on the jobsite and not being allowed to leave the building or have a designated area for smoking.</li> <li>Mr. Les Onaka is the editor of ASSE's local chapter newsletter. Members can email him appropriate information they would like to include.</li> <li>Ms. Lani Bjork informed that the Watchtower is in town until December 2, 2009.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Public Comment</b>		
<b>Next Meeting</b>		February 18, 2010, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations/HIOSH

Mr. Daniel Vasilash, Chair  
HIOSH Advisory Committee